

Fayette Co Va, Nov. 10, 1862

My Dear Wife Mattie

I sent you Letter yesterday morning but as we have moved since ~~we~~ I wrote I will give you the particulars we were in the woods in as warm a place as any body could ask & had just been talking that we wouldnt probably move that day as it was towards three O'clock & just then the Capt Saps fall in Strike Tents & pretty quick the Bugle sounded fall in we got ready on Double quick I tell you we marched out in the Field close by stacked arms & lay down finally we started on & went about a half a mile & halted finally the Order came to Counter March we went a little

traps & Encamped in a Field I
think it is a pleasant place but
it was nearly dusk when we stopped
for the night & I didnt look
around much. Dock & I went
back to our old camp & got our
straw we left so we have a nice
bed. we have got nicely rested
out for we have been in our old
camp 2 days & 3 nights & right
handy to get water my Tent was
about 15 feet from water as nice
as I ask. I gave a man 2/-
to wash two Shirts & one Rafter
he belonged to a Rhode Island
Regiment he had Kettles so they
were washed in warm water &
that is much better than cold
they look nice I will Iron them
across my knee oh my Rifle
I am getting to be a bolt tied.

stied loose. I wrote you in my
last I was quite hurt I am some
still but I will come out all
right I am Tough I guess. I
heard from John to day I pre
sume by this time he on his
way to the Regiment so I in a
day or two I expect to see him
I tell you I hope so. Sammy
is all right I guess I can hear
him & Jimmy Hawkins Black
quading they have a good deal
of Sport them & Joe Pettibone
Jimmy Hudson is well, I can
hear Sam asking Jimmy ^{Hawkins} where
the Tent Sticks are Jimmy says
he has forgotten which Drawer
in the Bureau he put them in
I havnt heard from Andrew
since we left the Ashby Farm
I Detailed him there as Teamster

or heard
So that
is when
we are
on the
march
if I don't
send
any
more
I must
go to bed
So good
bye
my dear
wife
My sister
My mother
My dear
dreams
& lots of
kisses
from
your
husband
I'll write
to my wife
at 12
morrow

I don't know which way he went
& we have been on the move ever
since I presume in a few days
I will see him again. Dock feels
pretty well most of the time he
says he is going to the Bugle
ball for a retreat in Battle &
then at the first call he will
leave for parts unknown we
have a considerable crew & awhile
if we only had John with us we
would be all right. You say you
thought in a little while my whis
kers would be so long I wouldn't
want anything else to wear you
are mistaken I have had them
cut off for I was afraid they
would pull my head over in front
I guess I had better close it is getting
late & I must sleep & then I am ready
for marching at any time & we
may be called out in ten minutes
from now I want to write more before
I send this but if I get a chance
in the morning to send this I will do
so for I can begin another & I have
want to send one every chance I have

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best-busines Hattie mine I say I am
I dont know whether we will go from
here on the Cars or not & it makes
but little difference to me if I stand
it as well as I have so far on this Ma-
rch and in fact all other marches
we have made. Your last Letter was
written the 24th of Sep- but not mail-
ed the 28th it was the one you was
going to send by Crane on Thursday
night & he didnt mail it untill the 28th
if you sent it by him the 24th it is the
latest Letter in the Regiment I have
heard of. Alice hadnt heard of Robert
Mc Cormick (& Mrs) Baylys Sickneps
& Mrs W^m Bushey was of later date
than any of his. There is a good deal
of Sickneps in that Section this Summer
I am glad you & my folks have es-
aped so far & hope they will. Hattie you
have more of the money I first sent
you than I expected now I have sent
you \$200 more you must use what
you want & be sure and keep enou-
gh for your own use all of the time
if I get me a Rubber Coat- if I get a
chance I guess I'll have to borrow some
I can & may just as well as send home
and run the risk of its coming th-
rough & it is just as broad as it is
long. You say your Father has bou-
ht a new Sofa they needed one & so
do we if we think we can afford it
when I come home we will get one
but if we think we cant we will wa-
it untill we can we want a quite
a good many things worse than
we want that we will get what we
want the most first- wont we Hattie
you say Speechley brought out the bag
of the Gates I am glad he has use the
his good as the first ones. You and
hases & will take the Mashine for you
dont really like the concerns & want-
I should be affraid of them perhaps I
will be when I get home. You say you

are going up to Arnello to see about
getting some flannel you will be apt
to get that that is better there than you
can buy at the Stores & some cheaper I
presume. it is pretty cool this eve part
of the day it has been pretty warm but
not very unpleasant - marching it too
ked like Rain this morning but it has
not rained any of any amount - after all
you say you have fixed up you Drees
up your Delain & Black Silk but the
Delain chokes you & of course you
dont like that but your Black Silk
is fixed up pretty good you make that
last will I think as you do all of your
Dreeses you are making great calcul
ations on my coming home but I am
afraid you will be disappointed for
now as it is almost impossible to get
away & now there is no Furloughs gran
ted but Hattie I'll come as soon as I
can well Hattie I'll close for to night
So good night with pleasant Dreams and
lots of kisses your Rodney. Saturday
Oct-17th Good day Hattie how do you do to
day I am well and feeling first rate
I have been washing up and change
ing my clothes been shaved up nice
ly so of course I must feel much bet
ter than I did with my old dirty Cl
otthes I had made this last chase in
we are back to Knoxville took the cars
yesterday morning at Morristown
& got here along in the afternoon
some time we disembarked and camp
ed out a little ways from the City
we havnt a very good ground it is
sideling but we got a Shovel and dug
out so we have a middling good
place we have got up our large Tent it
rained most of the day yesterday
so it was rather unpleasant - moving
around it rained all of the way from
the cars up here and a considerable
afterwards we went right to work &
put up our Tent so we were comfort
able I slept first rate I tell you

We had a plenty of Blankets so we
were warm as need be We built up a
nice large fire right in front of the
stove so we were as cozy and comfort-
able as could be. And another thing
Hattie made me feel nice was I got a good
letter from you that makes me feel good
any time I like to get a letter from
you you write me the check got to
you all right I was glad to hear of
another thing Maynard has no busi-
ness with us now and I guess he ought
right away not if I have my say I'll
try and see if I cant do better so
me where else for I dont believe he has
paid 1000 all of the time he is so much
of a business man for that I know if
I could hire money for from 5 to 7 per
I would take up all notes drawing
10 per but never mind it is paid and
out of the way & I am very glad of
it I'll assure you I dont know whether
or we will get pay this time or not
but you have money enough for pres-
ent use & pay well I shall want
you I have now more than enough
to pay all debts coming to me so I
tell you Hattie I feel pretty good so
after I get another pay night home
then what I send after that you
will have full sewing at work you
Hattie & me will try and keep ahead
after this. I wish I could get the \$300
back due me then I would feel better
yet but I am afraid that is a dead
letter if you can sell Dick that will
help a good deal I am going to write
Father to day & ask his advice in reg-
ard to letting Oscar take Dick to trade
on if he thinks best I will let him
do so if he wants to. Father writes he
is a good deal better if he is now is
the time to trade him if I was there I
would trade him in a hurry. Hattie
you wanted to know if you did right
the way you have done with your money
yes I think you have done just

right - but what you dont want to
use in the Bank and let Father
have the use of it if he wants and
I guess I will write him to use some
of it if he sees a chance where he can
use it at good advantage for as I
look at it it will be well used in
any place he would take it - and wh-
ere it will pay us well and that is
all we want - isnt it - Hattie we mere-
ly want enough for the present and
the balance if any to be so it will do
us good some time & Father if he us-
es any will use it - so it will do us good
some time dont you think so Hattie
you know I have a considerable now
in one way and another around and
about the old Farm but it will all
come out with good interest by and
by when I get home again. you say
Delia has got home once more and
you were all glad she had for you
were all glad to see her she has had
a good bad visit - you want to go
down there with me when I come
home I guess we will go down there
I would like to first - Late I tell you
you may tell Miss Delia she had
better just write to me or I'll kick
old James when I come home. I sup-
pose Dick will be for pitching in
now again I hope it wont do him
any good. you say you went to
the Funerals of the McErnieches
Washburn there is lots of Dick
up in that vicinity I am sorry

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